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RESPONSE AND ELECTION

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated July 29, 2005. The one month period for responding to the Office action expires on August 29, 2005.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Invention I, claims 1-10, drawn to the electronic part mounting apparatus, without traverse.

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